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## **Monterey Kayak Fishermen**

Kayak fishermen in Monterey County have no representation on the panels creating the MLPA proposals currently posted.

One can see that all of the proposals have been modified to improve the future for the recreational divers and the businesses that serve them.

Proposals #2, 3 and AC all close the sheltered pinnacles and the entire northern half of Carmel Bay to recreational kayak anglers. This area is the only diverse RCG site in Monterey County that is within two miles of an exceptionally accessible kayak launch site.

These proposals not only bar kayakers from fishing the sheltered deep water pinnacles in Carmel Bay but block access to the more exposed pinnacles outside the bay which can be enjoyed under good conditions.

The Pt Lobos Reserve encompasses the entire southern half of Carmel Bay and provides additional rocky coast access exclusively for divers. Kayak anglers will be impacted by all closures that affect other "boat based" anglers and we are no less willing to accept changes to improve the oceans and fisheries. But no other closure will so materially affect the recreational opportunities for this special group than barring their environmentally gentle recreation along the northern edge of Carmel Bay.

While Proposal #1 denies kayak anglers access to the sheltered pinnacles, it enables Monterey kayak fishermen who access from the sheltered Stillwater Cove or Carmel River Beach launches to continue along the northern edge of the bay to the more exposed RCG

grounds north of Cypress Point. Therefore, if I were limited to picking one of the proposals as currently presented, I would support this one.

As a local resident who passionately enjoys the natural relationship of humans and the ocean I hope you can help protect the interests of this small group of recreational fishermen.

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